

AP European History Essay Rubric

8–9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • THESIS: Clear, well-developed, answers the prompt and guides the essay throughout • UNDERSTANDING: Demonstrates thorough understanding of complexity of topic • EVIDENCE: Supports thesis with frequent, specific, and relevant evidence/examples/proof • ANALYSIS: Effectively analyzes, interprets, makes inferences of evidence/examples/proof • ERRORS: May contain insignificant and infrequent errors that do not hinder arguments OR no errors entirely • ORGANIZATION: Essay is well-organized (contains introduction, topic sentences, unity of paragraphs, conclusion)
5–7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • THESIS: Has a thesis (perhaps superficial/simplistic) which addresses prompt • UNDERSTANDING: Demonstrates general understanding of the topic • EVIDENCE: Supports thesis with evidence/examples/proof, sometimes general or narrative in description • ANALYSIS: Analyzes, interprets, makes inferences of evidence/examples/proof, often general or narrative • ERRORS: May contain minor errors that do not interfere with comprehension • ORGANIZATION: Essay contains most elements of organization
2–4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • THESIS: Limited, confused, or poorly developed thesis which may simply restate the prompt or is weakly organized • UNDERSTANDING: Demonstrates simplistic understanding of the topic • EVIDENCE: Contains limited evidence/examples/proof which is usually general or narrative in description • ANALYSIS: Contains limited or simple analysis, interpretation, inferences of evidence/examples/proof • ERRORS: May contain major historical errors • ORGANIZATION: Essay contains limited elements of organization
0–1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • THESIS: No thesis or a thesis that does not address the topic • UNDERSTANDING: Demonstrates little or no understanding of the topic • EVIDENCE: Contains inappropriate/inaccurate or no evidence/examples/proof • ANALYSIS: Contains no analysis of evidence/examples/proof, or is inappropriate/inaccurate • ERRORS: May contain numerous errors; both major and minor • ORGANIZATION: Essay contains no organization nor structure

Grade Equivalents:

9.....100%.....100 points
 8.....92%.....92 points
 7.....86%.....86 points
 6.....82%.....82 points
 5.....76%.....76 points

4.....72%.....72 points
 3.....66%.....66 points
 2.....62%.....62 points
 1.....56%.....56 points
 0.....0%.....0 points